

Boston Jan. 20. 1838



Mr. Porter

I now stand before the public, in consequence of Prof. Smyth's last letter, as having asserted what is not fact in regard to Anti-Slavery Conventions generally, & the Maine Convention in particular - with which from the circumstances of the case, I must have been fully acquainted. Now as my last communication is simply a correction of this fact, I cannot see what influence the results of the Annual meeting, be they what they may, can have on the propriety of publishing that Communication. I am anxious it should appear at once - before our annual meeting, & also before that in Maine; & I can conceive of no good reason on your part for withholding it. If therefore, on referring it to your co-laborers, you conclude not to publish it in your next, I will thank you to inform me as early as possible on Monday, that I may take the copy in season for its publication in the Liberator.

Yours &c.

A. A. Phelps.

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Boston Feb. 10. 1838

Dear Sir;

Your note of yesterday is this moment received. In reply I can only say that the columns of the Rel. Magazine have never been pledged for the admission of any article, which ^{has not been} previously ^{the consideration of} submitted to its editors.

Yours very respectfully
E. A. Andrews

Rev. A. A. Phelps.

Reply.

Boston Feb. 13. 1838.

Dear Sir

I supposed, before the reception of your note, that the Magazine was not pledged to the admission of any article which had not been previously submitted to the consideration of its editors. I supposed even more - viz that the paper was not "pledged to the admission of any article which had

been previously submitted to their consideration, unless, on consideration they should judge best to insert it. I was aware however that the editors had, in one instance, allowed of the correction of a statement in regard to a matter of fact; & what I desired, in addressing you, was to know, whether they would in like manner allow of the correction of what might be deemed, erroneous opinion.

Allow me to say then, that in addressing you before, as now, I supposed, (1) that my article would be of reasonable length, (2) that it would be courteous & Christian in its spirit & terms, (3) that it would be opposed in doctrine & argument to the letter of Mr. Greene - in a word, that there should be nothing about the article except its being opposed in doctrine & argument to Mr. Greene's, to require its exclusion from the Magazine; & my inquiry was, & is, not whether such, or any other article, can go into the Magazine, without being "submitted to the consideration of its editors, but whether, if such an article were thus submitted they would insert it? If the article, when submitted, should not answer to the

description, they themselves being judges, of ~~course~~ the promise on their part would not be binding.

If you should be unwilling to give any positive promise of this sort, beforehand, I will vary the question, and ask — whether, if such an article is prepared & "submitted to the consideration of the editors", there is any probability, that they will insert it?

All I desire, in this case, is to know just what I may & what I may not calculate upon. An early & explicit answer to either or both of the above questions, will therefore much oblige,

Yours for the truth.

Amos A. Phelps.

Boston Feb. 14. 1838

Dear Sir;

I regret that my former note should have appeared to you less explicit, than the occasion demanded; nor can I even now see in what manner I could have rendered it more explicit. I intended to preclude the idea that any opinion could be given respecting the admission of your proposed communication, until it should have been submitted to the consideration of the editors. Should you think it expedient to favor the editors with a communication, either upon the subject alluded to, or ^{upon} any other, it will give me great pleasure to lay it before them; and, if approved, I shall be equally happy to give it publicity through the pages of the Magazine.

Yours very respectfully
E. A. Andrews



